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CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS LEAD IN ITALIAN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS
AS OF 18 FEBRUARY 1953

[Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.]

The Italian Christian Democrat Party, or Christian Democrat with other parties, showed a decisive majority in the 269 communes which have held municipal elections between 25 May 1952 and 18 February 1953. (1,2)

The results of the 269 elections are as follows:

A total of 179 communes have a majority of Christian Democrats or Christian Democrats and others.

A total of 39 communes have a majority of Social-Communists or Social-Communists and others.

A total of 51 communes have a majority of other parties and independents. (1,2)

In the elections held in four communes of the Avellino Province (Campania) on 8 February 1953, the Christian Democrats showed a gain:

<u>Town</u>	<u>New Council</u>	<u>Old Council</u>
Trevico	Christian Democrat	Christian Democrat
Venticano	Christian Democrat	Independent
Scampitella	Social-Communist	Social-Communist
Forino	Rightist	Centrist (1)

On 15 February 1953, communal elections were held in two more communes;

Verbicano (Cosenza, Province, Calabria)	Christian Democrat	Social-Communist and others
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<u>Town</u>	<u>New Council</u>	<u>Old Council</u>
Campagnatico (Grosseto, Province, Tuscany)	Christian Democrat	Christian Democrat and others (2)

SOURCES

1. Corriere della Sera, 10 Feb 53
2. Ibid., 17 Feb 53

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